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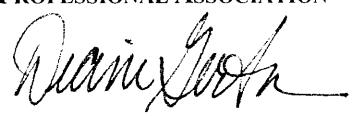
Re: Soo Line Abandonment in Racine County, Wisconsin
STB Docket No.: AB-57 (Sub. No. 53X)

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Enclosed please find a letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office offering comment on the proposed abandonment of rail line in Racine County, Wisconsin. Mr. Richard Dexter, Chief of the Office of Preservation Planning, concludes that there are no archeological or architectural properties listed on the National Register of Historical Places and he is not aware of any properties that may be eligible for inclusion in the Register in the area. Mr. Dexter does suggest consultation with other parties likely to have knowledge about the line. Please note that Soo Line has consulted with all known local governments and planning agencies in the area. There are no Indian tribes located in this part of Racine County.

I believe that this may satisfy the Section 106 historic preservation condition imposed by the Board for this abandonment.

Very truly yours,
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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO CASE #: 03-0339
RE: Soo Line Abandonment: MP 18.43 To MP 25.93
ID: AB-57 (Sub-No. 53X)

Dear Ms. Gerth,

We have reviewed the above-referenced project as required for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation governing the Section 106 review process.

There are no archeological or architectural properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places located within the area of potential effect of the proposed undertaking. Furthermore, we are not aware of any properties that may be eligible for the National Register in this area.

We remind you that the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation include the requirement that you seek information, as appropriate to the undertaking, from parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the project area - such as Indian tribes, local governments, local landmark commissions and public and private organizations. If there are any questions concerning this matter, I may be reached at (608) 264-6509.

Sincerely,

Richard Dexter, Chief
Office of Preservation Planning